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1.0 Introduction

This Preliminary Assessment (PA) of the Austin Bluffs Drums Site in Colorado Springs, Colorado has been prepared as a follow-up to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) removal action dated May 6, 1989.

The TDD number of this site is TDD T08 - 8905-018 and the EPA identification number is COD 982587644.

2.0 Objectives

The objectives of this PA are to:

- 1. characterize potential on-site wastes;
- 2. assess potential for contamination migration;
- 3. determine potential impacts to public health and the environment.

3.0 Site Description

3.1 Site location and description

The Austin Bluffs Drum Site is located in eastern Colorado Springs, El Paso County, Colorado (Figure 1). The site is located just north of and adjacent to Austin Bluffs Parkway between Ruby and Farmingdale Roads, approximately 1/4 mile east of Academy Road (Highway 83), (Figure 2). The street address is approximately 5200 Austin Bluffs Parkway. The drums were located in a vacant field adjacent to a dirt road in a drainage, within one hundred yards of the nearest residences.

The area is suburban residential with interspersed open fields. The nearest house is within 100 yards. Children use the area for dirt bike riding. Nearby residents observed the dumping in progress and reported it to the Colorado Springs Fire Department. The approximate site coordinates are 38° 54° 20" north latitude, 104° 44′ 35" west longitude (Figure 1).

3.2 Site History

On May 6, 1989, at 1712 hours the Colorado Springs Police Department (CSPD) responded to a report of leaking abandoned drums. Upon arriving at the site, the Colorado Springs Police Department (CSPD) discovered 15 drums (13-55 gallon and 2-20 gallon) in the field, five of which were leaking. The CSPD notified the Colorado Springs Fire Department, the Hazmat Response Unit, and the El Paso County Health Department; all of these agencies responded to the incident. Members of the Hazmat Response Unit righted and overpacked several drums and cleaned up the substance which had spilled. The drums were then secured with barricades and banner guard.

3.3 Site Characteristics

The Austin Bluffs Drums Site is located near the south west edge of the Denver Basin. The formations under this site dip to the north-northeast. The Colorado Springs area serves as a recharge area to the Denver Basin due to the outcrops of the Denver and Dawson Formations. Surface geology at the site reflects undivided quarternary deposits.

There are no major surface water bodies located within a two mile radius of the site. Only two intermittent creeks are located within 1/2 mile of the site.

The average relative humidity in Colorado Springs is 54% with less than 15% cloudy days per year. The mean annual precipitation is 15 inches with a mean annual snowfall of 40 inches. The prevailing winds are from the southwest.

4.0 Preliminary Pathway Analysis

4.1 Waste Characterization

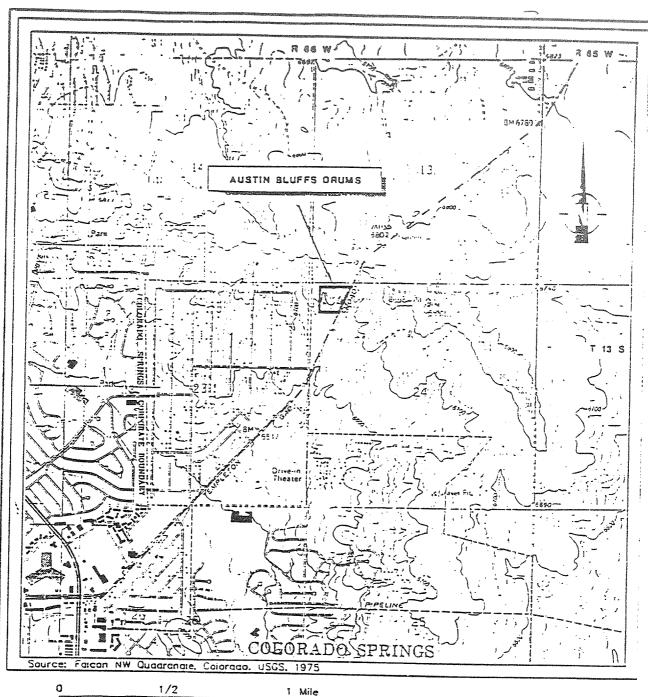
On May 24, 1989, three Technical Assistance Team (TAT) members assigned to the project met the EPA Onscene Coordinator (OSC). Hays Griswold (EPA OSC) and a representative from the El Paso County Health Department (Sandy Friedman) arrived at the site at 0940 hours. Prior to opening the drums, TAT conducted air monitoring with an HNU photoionization detector (with 10.2 eV probe), marked each drum, and collected labeling data from each drum. TAT members then advanced down range in personal protection level B to open the drums, collect samples for field hazard categorization, and to collect air monitoring data from each drum with the HNU.

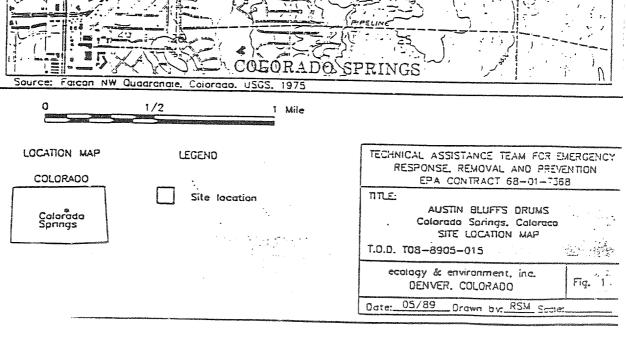
Approximately 2 to 4 ounces of product was collected for field hazard categorization. TAT members then described each sample and conducted field screening tests on each sample including specific gravity, water reactivity, solubility, pH and flammability. The test for chlorinated hydrocarbons was not conducted because the fire department had previously conducted that test and found no evidence of chlorinated compounds.

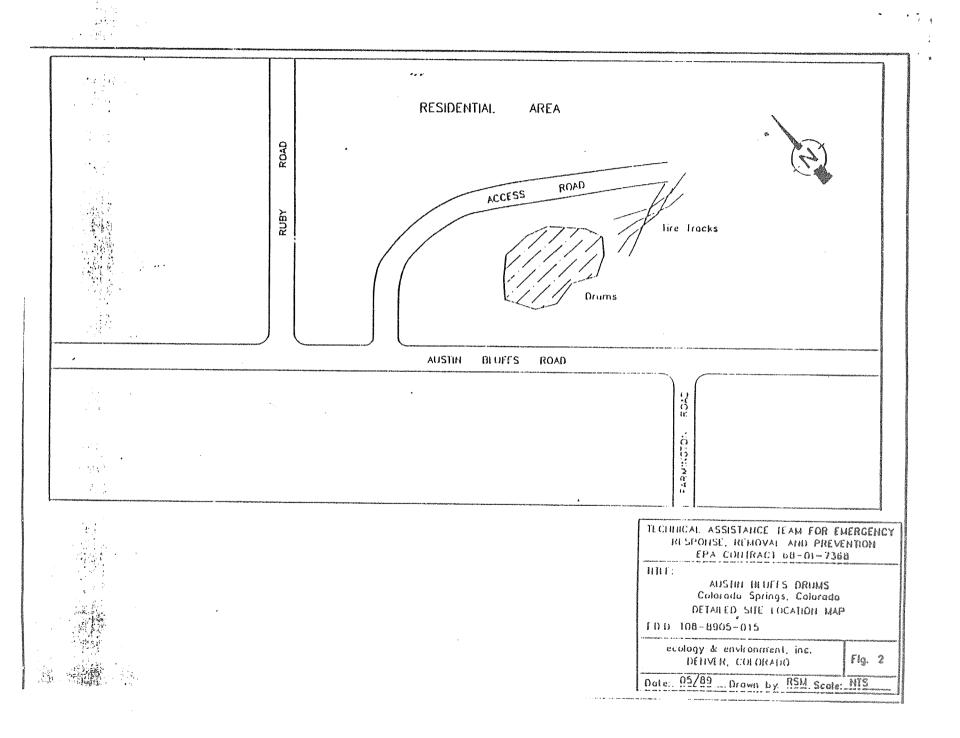
At 1130 hours, all hazard categorization was completed, and it was determined that only one waste stream was present. Two composite samples were collected from the product used for field screening and an additional composite sample was collected from drums 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, and 13, all of which contained a significant quantity of the product.

The TAT then departed the site with three 8-ounce liquid drum samples. Two samples, one hazard categorization composite sample and one drum composite sample were submitted to Analytica Incorporated in Golden, Colorado on May 26, 1989, for EP Toxicity and Total Organic Halogen analysis. EPA Chain-of-Custody procedures were adhered to throughout the sampling activity.

Sample results of the drum sample were received from Analytica, Inc., on June 5, 1989. Analysis for total organic halogens and extraction procedure toxicity metals indicated that no parameters were detected at the specified detection limits. A copy of the laboratory results is located in Appendix D.







4.2 On-Site Pathway

There is no potential for exposure of human populations to onsite contamination. After the spill was reported the Hazmat Response Unit arrived in a timely manner, righted the drums, contained the spill, cleaned up the contaminated soil (approximately 1/2 of a 55 gallon drum) and secured the site.

4.3 Air Pathway

This site does not to pose a threat to human populations or the environment based on potential migration of contaminants via the air pathway. The wastes and contaminated soil were removed from the site.

4.4 Ground Water Pathway

There is no potential for release of contaminants from on-site waste sources into ground water is not appear to be significant based on the timeliness of the spill reporting, containment of wastes and their removal.

Most of the drinking water supplies for the residents of the Austin Bluffs area and the surrounding community are obtained from three municipal wells located within a four mile radius. Also within this four mile radius there are approximately 400 domestic, livestock and irrigation permitted wells and 15 household use only permitted wells.

4.5 Surface Water Pathway

Within a four mile radius of the site there are no major surface water bodies except 2 small intermittant creeks located within a 1/2 mile radius of the site. This site is not located in a flood plain. This site does not to pose a threat to the human population or the environment through the surface water pathway.

4.6 Summary of Overall Release Potential for Site.

The Austin Bluffs Drums Site does not to pose a significant threat to human health or the environment through the on-site, air, ground water or surface water pathways. Due to the immediate reporting of this incident by the residents of the Austin Bluffs community, there was a timely response of the Hazmat Team, CSPD, Colorado Springs Fire Department and the El Paso County Health Department. The wastes and minimal soil contamination from this spill were adequately contained and mitigated. A follow-up waste analysis and subsequent removal action was completed by the EPA Technical Assistance Team along with the EPA On-Scene Coordinator.

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- 5. Workplan for Austin Bluffs Drums

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APPENDIX B PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT QUESTIONNAIRE

Name Barbara Bogema Location Colorado Springs, CO

Site Name Austin Bluffs Drums Date 09/30/90

PA QUESTIONNAIRE

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(A)	OBSERVED RELEASE TO AIR, GROUND WATER, SOIL OR SURFACE WATER? Soil					
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(B)	IF THE ANSWER TO #1 IS YES, IS THERE EVIDENCE OF DRINKING WATER SUPPLY CONTAMINATION OR ANY OTHER TARGET CONTAMINATION (i.e. food chain, recreation areas, or sensitive environments)? No					
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	Describe:					

PA Questionnaire Page 3

SITE INFORMATION

1.	SITE NAME: Austin Blufts Drums Site						
	ADDRESS: Approximately 5200 Austin Bluffs Parkway						
	CITY: Colo. Sprngs COUNTY El Paso STATE CO ZIP 80907						
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	approximately 1/4 mi. E. of Academy Road, (HWY 83).						
3.	SITE OWNERSHIP HISTORY (Use additional sheets, if necessary):						
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	Source of information:						
WA	STE CONTAINMENT/HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE IDENTIFICATION						
11.	FOR EACH SOURCE AT THE SITE, SUMMARIZE ON TABLE 1 (page 12): 1)Methods of hazardous substance disposal, storage or handling; 2) size/volume/area of all features/structures that might contain hazardous waste; 3) condition/integrity of each storage disposal feature or structure; and 4) types of hazardous substances handled.						
12.	BRIEFLY EXPLAIN HOW WASTE QUANTITY WAS ESTIMATED (e.g., historical records or manifests, permit applications, photo measurements, etc.):						
	See Section 3.2 of Attached PA Report						
	Source of information:						
	DESCRIBE ANY RESTRICTIONS OR BARRIERS ON ACCESSIBILITY TO ONSITE WASTE MATERIALS:						
	See Section 3.2 of Attached PA Report						
	Source of information:						

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Source of information:

GR	OUND WATER CHARACTERISTICS							
14.	. ANY POSITIVE OR CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE OF A RELEASE TO GROUND WATER? No							
	Describe:							
	Source of information:							
15.	ON TABLE 2 (page 13), GIVE NAMES, DESCRIPTIONS, AND CHARACTERISTICS OF GEOLOGIC/HYDROGEOLOGIC UNITS UNDERLYING THE SITE.							
16.	NET PRECIPITATION: See Section 3.3 of attached PA Report							
<u>sui</u>	RFACE WATER CHARACTERISTICS							
17.	ARE THERE SURFACE WATER BODIES WITHIN 2 MILES OF THE SITE? Yes							
	DitchesLakesPond Intermittant 2 CreeksRiversOther							
18.	DISCUSS THE PROBABLE SURFACE RUNOFF PATTERNS FROM THE SITE TO SURFACE WATERS:							
19.	PROVIDE A SIMPLIFIED SKETCH OF SURFACE RUNOFF AND SURFACE WATER FLOW SYSTEM FOR 15 DOWNSTREAM MILES (see item #36).							
20.	ANY POSITIVE OR CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE OF SURFACE WATER CONTAMINATION? No							
	Describe:							
	Source of information:							
21.	ESTIMATE THE SIZE OF THE UPGRADIENT DRAINAGE AREA FROM THE SITE:acres							

	e 7			
22.	DETERMINE THE AVERA	GE ANNUAL STR	EAM FLOW OF DOWNSTREAM SURFACE WATERS	
	Water body:	Flow:	cfs	
	Water body	Flow:	cfs	
	Water body	Flow:	cfs	
	Source of information:			an, resuperation with colonism relation of this interest
23.	IS THE SITE OR PORTIO	NS THEREOF LOC	ATED IN SURFACE WATER? No	
24.	IS THE SITE LOCATED II	n a floodplain	(indicate flood frequency)? No	
25.			Y SURFACE WATER RECREATION AREA SITE:	DE BECCE HER PRODUCE UN PRODUCTION OF A CONTRACT OF A CONT
				y action to the street of the
	Source of information:			
26.	TWO YEAR 24-HOUR RA	INFALL:		
<u>TA</u>	RGETS			
27.	DISCUSS GROUND WATE	ER USAGE WITHIN	N FOUR MILES OF THE SITE:	
	See Section 4.4 of	the attached PA	A Report	
				and the same of th
	Source of information:			s. ann. real treatment and real real real real real real real real
28.	SUMMARIZE THE POPUL	LATION SERVED	BY GROUND WATER ON THE TABLE BELOW:	
	Distance	Popula	tion	
	(miles) 0 - 1/4	100		
	1/4 - 1/2	300		
	1/2 - 1	750		

Source of information:

32. SUMMA	ARIZE THE POPULA	TION WITHIN A FO	DUR-MILE RADIUS OF THE SITE:
	<u>Distance</u>	Population	
	onsite	100	
	0 - 1/4	300	
	1/4 - 1/2	750	
	1/2 - 1	1350	
	1 - 2		•
	2 - 3		
	3 - 4		
Source	of information:		
OTHER RE	EGULATORY INVOL	VEMENT	
33. DISCUS	SS ANY PERMITS:		
Co	ounty: N/A		
St	ate:		
Fe	deral:		
O	ther:		
Source	of information:		•

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34. SKETCH OF SITE

Include all pertinent features, e.g., wells, storage areas, underground storage tanks, waste areas, buildings, access roads, areas of ponded water, etc.. Attach additional sheets with sketches of enlarged areas, if necessary.

See Figures 1 & 2 of Attached PA Report

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35. SURFACE WATER FEATURES

Provide a simplified sketch of surface runoff and surface water flow systems for 15 downstream miles. Include all pertinent features, e.g., intakes, recreation areas, fisheries, gauging stations, etc.

See Figures 1 and 2 of Attached PA Report

TABLE 1

WASTE CONTAINMENT AND HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE IDENTIFICATION 1

SOURCE TYPE	SIZE (Volume/Area)	ESTIMATED Waste Quantity	SPECIFIC COMPOUNDS CONTAINMENT ²	SOURCES OF INFORMATION
See Attached PA Re	eport & EPA Sampling Ana	lysis Report Dated 6/7/89		

^{1.} Use additional sheets if necessary.

^{2.} Evaluate containment of each source from the perspective of each migration pathway (e.g., ground water pathway - non-existent, natural or synthetic liner, corroding underground storage tank; surface water - inadequate freeboard, corroding bulk air - unstablized slag piles, leaking drums, etc.)

TABLE 2

HYDROGEOLOGIC INFORMATION 1

STRATA NAME/DESCRIPTIONTHICKNESS (ft.)	HYDRAULIC CONDUCTIVITY (cm/sec)	TYPE OF DISCONTINUITY	SOURCE OF INFORMATION
		and the state of t	AND

1. Use additional sheets if necessary.

2. Identify the type of discontinuity within four-miles from the site (e.g., river, strata "pinches out", etc).

APPENDIX C EPA FILE REPORTS

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Form Approved. OM8 No. 2050-0028, Expires 9-3 GSA No. 0246 Please print or type with ELITE United States Environmental Protection Agency Washington, DC 20460 Please refer to the Instructions Please reter to the instructions Filing Notification before complet this form. The information reques here is required by law ISect 3010 of the Resource Conserver and Recovery Acti. Notification of Hazardous Waste Activity For Official Use Only Comments C Date Received Installation's EPA ID Number day) Approved ma. Name of Installation II. Installation Mailing Address City or Town ZIP Code III. Location of Installation Street or Route Number City or Town State ZIP Code IV. Installation Contact Name and Title (last, first, and job title) Ownership A. Name of Installation's Legal Owner B. Type of Ownership (enter cod 0 win VI. Type of Regulated Waste Activity (Mark 'X' in the appropriate boxes. Refer to instructions.) A. Hazardous Waste Activity B. Used Oil Fuel Activities 1b. Less than 1,000 kg/mo. 1a. Generator 6. Off-Specification Used Oil Fuel 2. Transporter (enter 'X' and mark appropriate boxes below) 3. Treater/Storer/Disposer a. Generator Marketing to Burner 4. Underground Injection ☐ b. Other Marketer 5. Market or Burn Hazardous Waste Fuel (enter 'X' and mark appropriate boxes below) a. Burner a. Generator Marketing to Burner 7. Specification Used Oil Fuel Marketer for On site Burner)
Who First Claims the Oil Meets the Specification b. Other Marketer C. Burner VII. Waste Fuel Burning: Type of Combustion Device (enter 'X' in all appropriate boxes to indicate type of combustion device(s) in which hazardous waste fuel or off-specification used oil fuel is burned. See instructions for definitions of combustion devices, A. Utility Boiler B. Industrial Boiler VIII. Mode of Transportation (transporters only - enter 'X' in the appropriate box(es) 8. Rail C. Highway D. Water ☐ E. Other (specify) IX. First or Subsequent Notification Mark 'X' in the appropriate box to indicate whether this is your installation's first notification of hazardous waste activity or a subsequent notification. If this is not your first notification, enter your installation's EPA ID Number in the space provided below. C. Installation's EPA ID Number

☐ B. Subsequent Notification (complete item C)

A. First Notification

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A. Hazardous Wastes from Nonspecific Sources. Enter the four-digit number from 40 CFR Part 261.31 for each listed hazardous waste from nonspecific sources your installation handles. Use additional sheets if necessary.

B. Hazardous Wastes from Specific Sources. Enter the four-digit number from 40 CFR Fart 261-32 for each disted hazardous waste from specific sources your installation handles. Use additional sheets if necessary

C. Commercial Chemical Product Hazardous Wastes. Enter the four-digit number from 40 CFR Part 261.33 for each chemical substance your installation handles which may be a hazardous waste. Use additional sheets if necessary.

D. Listed Infectious Wastes. Enter the four-digit number from 40 CFR Part 261.34 for each nazardous waste from hospitals, veterinary hospitals, or medical and research laboratories your installation handles. Use additional sheets if necessary.

E. Characteristics of Nonlisted Hazardous Wastes. Mark 'X' in the boxes corresponding to the characteristics of nonlisted hazardous wastes your installation handles. (See 40 CFR Parts 261.21 — 261.24)

X. Description of Hazardous Wastes (continued from Iront)

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1. Ignitable (D001)	2. Corrosive (D002)	3. Reactive (D003)	4. Toxic
Certification			
I certify under penalty of law that this and all attached documents obtaining the information, I belie there age significant penalties to	et I have personally exa s, and that based on my ve that the submitted in	mines and am familiar with the vinquiry of those individuals in prometion is true accurate, and	e information submitted nmediately responsible f
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Signature

1. Ignitable (D001)

XI. Certification I certify under penalty of la